**Sapphire Gardens**

**Bin report – March 2024**

**Background**

Worlington Management Ltd have been appointed by Gem Estate Management Ltd to manage the daily affairs of the estate developed by Matthew Homes.

2 years ago, they approached the PC to ask if they would take on the cost of the weekly emptying of the dog bins which was agreed and these bins are emptied by West Suffolk Council with the PC picking up the current cost of £27.73 a month.

The developer was advised by West Suffolk Council that 1 large capacity bin would be sufficient for this area, however proceeded with 2 litter and 2 dog bins. The estate has a very disproportionate number of bins in comparison to the rest of the village.

The site is still unadopted and remains the responsibility of Matthew Homes until an inspection takes place in November 2024 and a satisfied adoption made 17th January 2025.

**Proposal**

Worlington Management Ltd have asked if the PC would take on the cost of the weekly emptying of the 2 litter bins; they are currently emptied by a 3rd party contractor, however this agreement will be ending at the end of April and they want to start charging as they feel it is outside of their scope.

Cllr. Pollard has spoken to the management company who have confirmed that the PC is unable to modify the bins as it is not their property, however the residents also are unwilling to pay £18 for the emptying of them.

**Option 1**

To agree to empty the 2 litter bins in addition to the 2 dog bins that the PC currently pay for. From 1st April 2024 charges will be £3.68 per empty per bin bringing the annual cost for 4 bins from £191.36 (for the current 2 dog bins) to £765.44 (for 4 bins).

**Option 2**

For the developer to replace the 4 bins with 1 combined dog and litter bin; the quote from WSC for supply and installation on a concrete slab is £539.80 + VAT. The PC would then pay for the weekly empty at a charge of £3.68 per empty, an annual cost of £191.36.

**Option 3**

For the developer to give the PC permission to replace the 4 bins with 1 combined dog and litter bin; the quote from WSC for supply and installation on a concrete slab is £539.80 + VAT. The PC would then pay for the weekly empty at a charge of £3.68 per empty, an annual cost of £191.36.

**Naomi Alecock**

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